

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 25, 2008. Claims 1 to 24 are pending, of which the following claims are independent: Claims 1, 7, 21, 23 and 24. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 7 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. In response, these claims have been amended so as to improve antecedence. Withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her reconsideration of her earlier art rejection, and for her withdrawal of her rejections over Lo, Davis and others.

A new rejection was entered under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), primarily over U.S. Patent 7,215,434 (Janse) in view of U.S. Patent 6,762,852 (Fischer). Thus, Claims 1, 2, 4 to 8 and 10 to 25 were rejected over Janse in view of Fischer, and Claims 3 and 9 were rejected further in view of U.S. Patent 6,289,371 (Kumpf '371).

In response, the claims herein have been amended so as to specify that there are two items inputted into a scan entry form, and that these two items are inputted at a local computer terminal. The two items are: (A) a scanner node, and (B) a scan setting for causing the scanner node to scan an image. In addition, the claims have been amended so as to specify reconciliation of the inputted scan setting with a capability profile of the inputted scanner node, to perform scanning at an order entry server computer.

By virtue of these features, it is ordinarily possible to perform scanning by a desired scanner node, in which a suitable scan setting is used for the desired scanner node.

The patent to Janse concerns automated scan processing in a networked system of scanning nodes. Janse discloses the selection of a scan job type at a scanner, but does not disclose how the scan job type is created. Thus, as correctly conceded in the Office Action, Janse fails to disclose the manner in which a scan order is created.

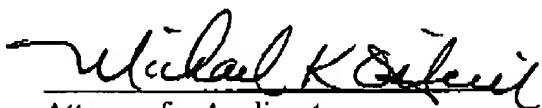
Although Fischer was relied on for this feature, it is respectfully submitted that even in combination with Janse, Fischer does not add enough to Janse to have rendered the present invention obvious. First and foremost, Fischer pertains to printers and not scanner nodes. Thus, Fischer could not possibly teach anything concerning the creation of a scan order. With respect to his printers, Fischer teaches that print features are selected by a user, and then printers are suggested to the user based on the selected print features. The user then selects a printer from amongst the suggested printers. However, in Fischer, it is the user that must input the print setting for the selected printer after the printer has been selected. Stated another way, in Fischer, the printer selected by the user is not reconciled with print settings input by the user.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that even in combination, Janse taken with Fischer would not have disclosed or suggested the scanning system as claimed herein, in which both of a scanner node and a scan setting for causing the scanner node to scan an image are input into a scan entry form at a computer terminal, and in which the inputted scan setting is reconciled with a capability profile of the inputted scanner node so as to perform scanning at an order entry server computer.

Allowance of the claims herein is respectfully requested.

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